

7 Twin Circle Drive, Arlington, MA 02474

To: Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Mass

From: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) **Subject:** No Left Turn from Stratton School Circle

Date: 9 March 2010

We continue to work with Stratton Elementary School, and other schools, to improve traffic and reduce pedestrian/vehicle conflicts. At Stratton, there is a conflict exiting from the one-way circle in front of the school and the parking lot during morning drop off and afternoon pickup. The autos attempting to make left turns onto Mountain Ave from the circle and parking lot block the flow. Mountain Ave is a narrow street that has difficulty supporting two-way traffic during peak periods. The attached photos illustrate the area of the recommendations.

Those wanting to make a left turn onto Mountain can simply turn right to Wheeler and then take a left onto Dickson traveling west. It adds very little travel distance and reduces traffic pressure in the vicinity of the school.

Recommendations:

- 1. Place No Left Turn sign at the exit to the circle.
- 2. Place No Left Turn sign at the exit to the parking lot.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Starr - Chair



View of exit of Circle from Wheeler – Stratton School in Background



View from Circle exit looking at Mountain. No Left Turn would Be placed on the left side at Mountain



View of Parking Lot exit from Circle. No Left Turn would Be placed on the left side of the exit



View of Parking Lot exit as a driver would see it. No Left Turn Would be placed to left of exit